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a casing, one of said bottom mullion and said casing comprising a retaining tongue and the other of said bottom mullion and said casing comprising an engagement surface for being received in said tongue.

2. (once amended) A refrigeration appliance cabinet in accordance with Claim 1 further comprising a bottom rail, said bottom rail received in one of said first and second channels of said bottom mullion.

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4. (once amended) A refrigeration appliance cabinet in accordance with Claim 3, wherein said liner is received in the other of said first and second channels of said bottom mullion.

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5. (once amended) A refrigeration appliance cabinet in accordance with Claim 1, said casing comprising a bottom panel, said bottom panel comprising a retaining tongue, said bottom mullion second end comprising an extended flat portion for press fit engagement with said tongue.

6. (once amended) A refrigerator cabinet comprising:

a bottom mullion, said bottom mullion comprising a first end and a second end, said first end comprising a first channel and a second channel; and

a casing in press fit engagement with said bottom mullion.

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7. (once amended) A refrigerator cabinet in accordance with Claim 6 wherein said casing comprises an outer surface and a fastening projection extending from said outer surface.

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8. (once amended) A refrigerator cabinet in accordance with Claim 7 wherein said bottom mullion second end comprises an engagement surface, said fastening projection engaging said engagement surface.

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11. (once amended) A refrigerator cabinet comprising:

a casing;

an inner liner within said casing, said inner liner comprising at least one refrigeration compartment; and

a bottom mullion, said bottom mullion comprising opposing side surfaces at a first end thereof, said bottom mullion configured to receive a portion of said inner liner, said casing configured to receive a portion of said bottom mullion with press fit engagement.

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13. (once amended) A refrigerator in accordance with Claim 12, one of said side surfaces comprising a channel for receiving said lower rail, the other of said side surfaces comprising a channel for receiving said inner liner.

Remarks

The Office Action mailed October 28, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-15 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-15 stand rejected.

In the specification, the title of the application was objected to as not being indicative of the subject matter of the claims. This amendment changes the title, adopting the Examiner's suggestion.

The rejection of Claims 1-5 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is respectfully traversed. In Claim 1, the phrase –and said casing – is added after “the other of said bottom mullion”, adopting the Examiner's suggestion. The dependency of Claim 13 is corrected to provide proper